

RURAL DISTRICT OF BUILTH.Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health.1940.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1940. In accordance with the wishes of the Welsh Board of Health, as expressed in Circular 2514 (Wales), this report must be considered to be an interim one and is confined to urgent and essential matters which have affected the public health during the year.

At the end of the war a report will be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year.

Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. D. J. Jones, the first full time Medical Officer of Health to the district terminated his appointment to take up similar duties elsewhere.

This created a vacancy which I had the honour of filling on March 1st, 1940.

Water Supplies.

Owing to the prolonged dry weather several districts experienced an inadequate water supply during the summer.

It is hoped that the Council will see their way clear to bring about an improvement in these supplies as an ample supply of pure water is an essential to the health of the community.

Infectious Disease.

The cases of infectious diseases which were notified to me during the year are shown in the list below. It will be noticed that all the cases occurred in the second half of the year and that no epidemic of any severity was experienced. The measles cases were mostly notified in December and were non the whole of a mild type.

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| Measles..... | 13 cases. |
| Scarlet Fever..... | 4 cases. |
| Diphtheria..... | 2 cases. |
| Acute Encephalitis Lethargica.. | 1 case. |

The work throughout the year was largely routine in character and no exceptional administrative measure was undertaken or recommended by me during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

T. C. R. GEORGE.

Medical Officer of Health.
